A recent incident of a case of marriage of a minor girl aged 16 years to a Yemeni national in the State of Maharashtra has also come to notice. With a view to prevent incidents of such marriages with under-age girls and to protect young girls from exploitation by foreign nationals Ministry of External Affairs has requested Indian Missions/Posts in the Gulf region to take special care to screen visa applicants and make foreign nationals visiting India aware of illegality of marriage with under-age girls.

Resettlement of People in Refugee Camps in Jammu

†228. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of people have been taking shelter in the refugee camps in Jammu for the sake of their security in spite of having their own houses;

(b) the number of such persons and since when they are living in these camps; and

(c) the details of scheme formulated by Government to resettle these homeless people in their own houses with full security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per available information, 5830 families (22139 persons) are staying in Government managed camps since 1990 and thereafter.

(c) For their rehabilitation, State Government of J & K prepared an Action Plan involving a total expenditure of Rs. 2589.73 crores which was approved by the Central Government in May 2001. 166 houses forming 15 clusters in Srinagar and Budgam districts which are considered safe for the return of the owners of these houses were identified. The list of these clusters was published in the newspapers and steps were taken to identify the families and ascertain their willingness to return to their homes. Government of India have approved and provided a grant of Rs. 10.00 crores to the State Government for the reconstruction and renovation of houses and shrines at Kheer Bhavani and Mattan and Rs. 20.00 crores for the construction of 200 two-bed room flats at Budgam, on an experimental basis, for the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Migrants.

As announced by the Prime Minister during his visit to J & K in November 2004, an inter-ministerial team was constituted to prepare a plan to rehabilitate Kashmiri Migrants and the team's report has been

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finalized. The Government is committed to undertake measures for the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Migrants.

Proposals from the Naxal Affect States

†229. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal had been asked for by Government in respect of the naxal affected areas in various States;

(b) whether the proposal from the State of Chhattisgarh has been submitted to Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when Government are likely to take decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Central Government has asked the naxal affected States including Chhattisgarh to send their claims under the Security Related Expenditure Scheme (SRE) for reimbursement. The State of Chhattisgarh has been reimbursed Rs. 2 crores under the SRE during 2004-05. The State Government has also been assured all possible assistance in terms of additional Central Para Military Forces, weapons, ammunition, etc., for undertaking anti-naxalite operations.

Anomaly in Rebate on House Taxes by MCD

230. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) have allowed fifteen per cent rebate on House Tax to the commercial properties after the dead line of 30th September, 2004;

(b) if so, what will happen to those owners of commercial properties who have already deposited their House Tax with five per cent rebate, originally fixed by the MCD; and

(c) whether MCD will refund the excess amount already Paid by the Property owners and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi

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